

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 29, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.  
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Council met in regular meeting on March 29, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Jeff Koch, President, Joe Gillespie, Scott McDonough, Carroll Lanning, Brian Patterson, Joe Sizemore, Glen Bischoff and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

The meeting was called to order and pledge of allegiance was led by Jeff Koch. Mr. Koch also took roll call and a quorum was present.

**Old Business: February 22, 2022 Minutes:** Motion to approve the February 22, 2022 minutes by Carroll Lanning, seconded by Scott McDonough. Ayes: Jeff Koch, Joe Gillespie, Scott McDonough, Carroll Lanning, Joe Sizemore and Glen Bischoff. Nays: None. Brian Patterson abstained.

**New Business:**

**Resolution 2022-09 – Additional Appropriations:** President, Jeff Koch read Resolution 2022-09 requests for additional appropriations. Motion to approve Resolution 2022-09 Additional Appropriations by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Brian Patterson, all in favor, motion carried.

**Resolution 2022-10 – OCRA Grant:** President, Jeff Koch read Resolution 2022-10, a resolution to transfer ARPA funds for OCRA Help Grant. Grant Reeves, attorney explained to Council the purpose of the resolution. Motion to approve Resolution 2022-10 by Glen Bischoff, seconded by Brian Patterson, all in favor, motion carried.

**Reedy Financial Group – ARPA Agreement:** John Palmer presented the ARPA agreement with Reedy Financial Group and the services they will be providing the County on the ARPA reporting that is required. The Reedy Financial Group's fees can be paid for with ARPA funds. Motion for the president to sign the agreement with Reedy Financial Group for consultation with ARPA spending and reporting by Scott McDonough, seconded by Glen Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.

**Reedy Financial Group Invoice #8271:** Motion to approve the payment of the Reedy Financial Group Invoice #8271 by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Scott McDonough, all in favor, motion carried.

**Pete Cates – Control Board:** Sheriff Pete Cates came before Council to update them on the installation of the control board at the jail and that the first payment will be due soon. The payment in the sum of \$126,240 will be paid from the Bond.



**Area Plan Commission – Tom Wilson:** Tom Wilson came before Council in January to request a new full-time position in the Area Plan Commission office. He felt it was needed to keep the office open when the Building Inspector or Area Plan Director were out on inspections, vacation or sick. Council members discussed what they wanted to see with the new position. The new position will be ½ administrative and ½ building inspector. **Motion to approve a new full-time position to be ½ administrative and ½ building inspector for area plan by Joe Gillespie, seconded by Glen Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.** This full-time position will not replace the current part-time funding. An additional appropriation in the sum of \$28,171 will need to be done for Council's next meeting.

**Laurel Fire Department:** Joe Sizemore presented a request for 2 sets of turnout gear in the sum of \$7,815.60 to be paid from council's contingency. **Motion to pay for 2 sets of turnout gear for Laurel Volunteer Fire Department in the sum of \$7,815.60 by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Scott McDonough. Ayes: Joe Gillespie, Carroll Lanning, Brian Patterson, Glen Bischoff, Scott McDonough and Joe Sizemore. Nays: Jeff Koch.** Jeff Koch stated the only reason he was not in favor was because he already pays additional to be in a fire territory and other fire departments could do the same thing.

**Brian Patterson:** Councilmember Patterson expressed his concern that in 2020 the County overpaid the health insurance by \$60,000 for deceased and old employees and that if such mistake continued over 20 years that would be a 1.2 million dollar loss. He further stated that this situation is why we need an HR director. Councilmember Patterson questioned Commissioner Wilson as to why the County has not attempted to recoup the \$60,000. Commissioner Wilson said that they had contacted the insurance company and they will only go back 3 months. He also stated that the numbers were being exaggerated. He knew there were some errors but not to that amount. Councilmember McDonough asked councilmember Patterson if he was confident in his numbers and he said that he was. Councilmember Patterson wanted Council to hire Reedy Financial Group to audit the books for a sum of approximately \$2,000. Councilmembers discussed having their attorney review the contracts first. **Motion to have Grant Reeves review the insurance contract and see if there are any statutes that cover this by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Glen Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Glen Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.

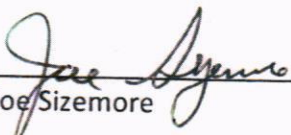
**Others Present:** Faye Hay, Tom Wilson, Austin Jolliff, John Heis, Pete Cates, Grant Reeves, Marty Hacker, Carla Hacker, Ruth Rowlett, Hollie Maxie, Neysa Raible, Jolene Beneker, Jerry Hickman and Basille Hamilton.

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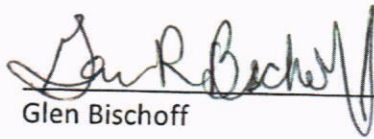
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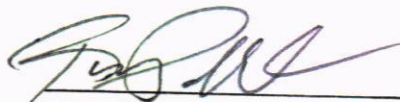
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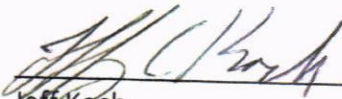
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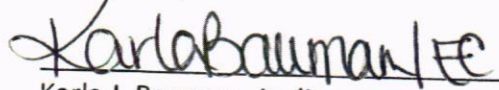
  
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Karla J. Bauman, Auditor